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**From:** Gross, Bonnie [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=A8199FC139994AA39E37E800F73CB9FE-BGROSS02]  
**Sent:** 10/24/2017 9:36:20 PM  
**To:** Lindsey, Deborah [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=ce46a259227a40bf8f8dae58f8284cd1-Lindsey, Deborah]  
**CC:** Burns, Francis [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b56bc6b1d7bb4909b950d38b68993eff-Fburns]  
**Subject:** Re: Parkersburg fire

Hi Deb,

Since I'm getting calls I wanted to pass along that the site seems to have the attention at the senior-level in HQ.

They've asked if we are aware of any prior enforcement actions it would be helpful to report on as well. Not sure if that's been part of any discussion you've heard.

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On Oct 24, 2017, at 5:17 PM, Lindsey, Deborah <[Lindsey.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Lindsey.Deborah@epa.gov)> wrote:

We have not been requested to do any water sampling

Debbie Lindsey  
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**From:** Gross, Bonnie  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 5:16 PM  
**To:** Lindsey, Deborah <[Lindsey.Deborah@epa.gov](mailto:Lindsey.Deborah@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Parkersburg fire

See below. Have we been asked to provide any water support?

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "D'Andrea, Michael" <[DANDREA.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV](mailto:DANDREA.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV)>  
**Date:** October 24, 2017 at 5:07:18 PM EDT  
**To:** "Servidio, Cosmo" <[Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov](mailto:Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** "Rodrigues, Cecil" <[rodrigues.cecil@epa.gov](mailto:rodrigues.cecil@epa.gov)>, "Melvin, Karen" <[Melvin.Karen@epa.gov](mailto:Melvin.Karen@epa.gov)>, "Gross, Bonnie" <[Gross.bonnie@epa.gov](mailto:Gross.bonnie@epa.gov)>, "Burns, Francis" <[Burns.Fran@epa.gov](mailto:Burns.Fran@epa.gov)>, "Gross, Bonnie" <[Gross.bonnie@epa.gov](mailto:Gross.bonnie@epa.gov)>, "Searfoss, Renee" <[searfoss.renee@epa.gov](mailto:searfoss.renee@epa.gov)>, "Purnell, Rhonda" <[Purnell.rhonda@epa.gov](mailto:Purnell.rhonda@epa.gov)>, "Ferrell, Mark" <[Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov](mailto:Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov)>, "Lewis,

Jacqueline" <Lewis.Ja  
**Subject: FW: Parkersburg fire**

Cosmo,

Mark Ferrell, our WV Liaison, has been deployed as a Liaison to the Parkersburg fire response where he is working in the joint information center.

See below for a message about a conversation that Sen. Manchin had with Admin. Pruitt. It appears that Sen. Manchin's request for some additional support will be handled through the proper channels through the state and then to us if they need our help.

Just want you and HSCD to be aware of this most recent communication.

Mike

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**From:** Ferrell, Mark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 4:32 PM  
**To:** Purnell, Rhonda <[Purnell.rhonda@epa.gov](mailto:Purnell.rhonda@epa.gov)>; Searfoss, Renee <[searfoss.renee@epa.gov](mailto:searfoss.renee@epa.gov)>; D'Andrea, Michael <[DANDREA.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV](mailto:DANDREA.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV)>; Miller, Linda <[miller.linda@epa.gov](mailto:miller.linda@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Parkersburg fire

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Venuto, Sarah (Manchin)" <[Sarah\\_Venuto@manchin.senate.gov](mailto:Sarah_Venuto@manchin.senate.gov)>  
**Date:** October 24, 2017 at 4:26:51 PM EDT  
**To:** "Ferrell, Mark" <[Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov](mailto:Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov)>  
**Subject: RE: Parkersburg fire**

Mark —

Just to follow up — my boss did speak with the Administrator and thanked him for the work on air quality monitoring and stressed the importance of that ongoing work. He also flagged the concerns we are hearing regarding water contamination and asked for assistance on that front. I believe the Administrator may be reaching out to Jimmy Gianato who is our emergency response lead in state.

Thank you

Sarah

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**From:** Ferrell, Mark [<mailto:Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 11:52 AM  
**To:** Venuto, Sarah (Manchin) <[Sarah\\_Venuto@manchin.senate.gov](mailto:Sarah_Venuto@manchin.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Parkersburg fire

Sarah I am on my way to Parkersburg and can better answer those questions once I'm there on scene.

~Mark

**Mark Ferrell**  
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**From:** Venuto, Sarah (Manchin) <[Sarah\\_Venuto@manchin.senate.gov](mailto:Sarah_Venuto@manchin.senate.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 11:35 AM  
**To:** Ferrell, Mark  
**Subject:** RE: Parkersburg fire

Thank you Mark. Very helpful. My boss is very concerned and may reach out to Administrator Pruitt at some point today -- no complaints -- just making sure he is aware and that JM would like everyone here in DC to be helpful. Our scheduler is coordinating that with Troy Lyons.

I can be reached at 202.228.5658.

I'm hearing that the WV National Guard is providing foam to help fight the fire. Are there concerns re water contamination? The Little Kanawha River is about 300 yards away. And we have had problems in WV with PFOA in foam contaminating groundwater before (e.g. problem in Martinsburg is ongoing)

Thank you!

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**From:** Ferrell, Mark [<mailto:Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 10:08 AM  
**To:** Venuto, Sarah (Manchin) <[Sarah\\_Venuto@manchin.senate.gov](mailto:Sarah_Venuto@manchin.senate.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Parkersburg fire

Hi Sarah

Just sharing with you some clips I gathered this morning, most of which you've prob already seen.

~Mark

**Gov. Justice declares state of emergency in response to fire**

<http://wvpublic.org/post/justice-declares-state-emergency-response-wood-county-industrial-fire>

**Wood County moves forward after emergency declaration**

<http://wvpublic.org/post/wood-county-moves-forward-fire-response-after-emergency-declaration#stream/0>

**Burning warehouse had history of environmental problems**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNmJXp1Hx8k>

**Air quality questions persist**

<http://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/local-news/2017/10/air-quality-questions-persist-as-fire-burns-at-former-ames-plant/>

**State of emergency, downtown closures, schools closed**

<http://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/2017/10/downtown-closures-due-to-ames-fire-air-quality-concerns/>

**Fire may burn for several more days**

[https://www.wvgazettemail.com/news/cops\\_and\\_courts/update-fire-at-old-ames-plant-in-parkersburg-may-burn/article\\_eda794d2-6355-5bd1-a20a-f3f8f53f1796.html](https://www.wvgazettemail.com/news/cops_and_courts/update-fire-at-old-ames-plant-in-parkersburg-may-burn/article_eda794d2-6355-5bd1-a20a-f3f8f53f1796.html)

**Closing blamed on fouled air**

<http://www.mariettatimes.com/news/2017/10/closings-blamed-on-fouled-air/>

**Shelter in place advised, but people still out and about**

<http://wvmetronews.com/2017/10/23/a-shelter-in-place-in-parkersburg-but-people-are-still-out-and-about/>

**Health officials promoting masks**

<http://www.thenewscenter.tv/content/news/Masks-promoted-to-use-as-precautions--452594273.html>

**Smoke continues, hospital visits up**

<http://www.thenewscenter.tv/content/news/As-smoke-from-Ames-Plant-sticks-around-hospitals-start-to-see-more-patients-452557993.html>

**Fire Marshall says likely unintentional**

<http://wvmetronews.com/2017/10/23/fire-marshall-deadly-fires-in-parkersburg-logan-accidental/>

**Progress, and caution, expressed over enormous fire**

<http://wvmetronews.com/2017/10/23/progress-and-caution-expressed-over-enormous-parkersburg-fire/>

**Local historian explains some of Ames Plant history**

<http://www.thenewscenter.tv/content/news/Local-Parkersburg-historian-explains-some-of-Ames-history-452351173.html>

**Raw video from Ames plant fire**

<http://www.thenewscenter.tv/video?vid=452131653>

**YouTube drone footage**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNmJXp1Hx8k>

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**From:** Venuto, Sarah (Manchin) <[Sarah\\_Venuto@manchin.senate.gov](mailto:Sarah_Venuto@manchin.senate.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 8:59 AM

**To:** Ferrell, Mark; Gunasekara, Mandy

**Cc:** Kungel, Wes (Manchin)

**Subject:** Parkersburg fire

Mark & Mandy –

I apologize if you are not the correct points of contact regarding this but I wanted to get our office in touch with yours regarding the burning fire in Parkersburg, WV at the Ames plant – particularly in light of the respiratory advisory. We are also in touch with the CDC and Coast Guard. Since Governor Justice declared a state of emergency, we are also coordinating with our state folks as well at WVDEP.

Senator Manchin wants to be sure Parkersburg is getting everything it needs in terms of resources. I believe that you all have sent air monitoring equipment to the state but wanted to see if there is anything else that we can be doing.

I can be reached at 202.228.5658.

*Sarah Venuto*

*Senior Policy Advisor*

*Senator Joe Manchin III (D- WV)*

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